

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

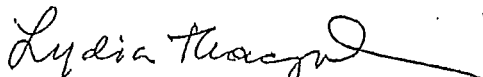
1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 12, VAMC Jesse Brown, Chicago, IL 2237 Transaction# 537-14-1-107-0001
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Sole source purchase of a 1year subscription to the EOSI web enterprise. Renewing Integrated library system: Enterprise e-Library software; maintenance, support and Secure Sockets Layer Protocol. Software includes modules for Acquisitions, cataloging, Circulation, Knowledgebuilder, Media Booking, OPCA, Serials, Z39.50; on line catalog of resources for VISN 12 Libraries. This is an Open Market Contract for \$ [REDACTED] for the base year and \$ [REDACTED] for a base and four option years.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Purchase of Enterprise E-Library Software Support and Maintenance. Software includes: Software upgrades, web access to product support, system diagnostics, Extensive software documentation, special promotions, free tech notes, newsletter and all the aforementioned modules. This is a subscription to an online catalog of library resources- books, equipment, journals, audiovisuals, print and electronic resources, for VISN12 staff and libraries.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 41 USC §253(c)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1. The specific paragraph must be cited. Most likely, only the -1 or -2 authorities will be cited. Please be aware that failure to adequately plan for future requirements does not constitute appropriate use of the unusual and compelling urgency statutory authority.
 - (X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 - () (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
 - () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
 - () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
 - () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
 - () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
 - () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** EOS International is the proposed contractor. Phone number: 760-431-8400. EOS International library automation solution, EOS Web, is the only integrated library system that combines Cataloging, Circulation, Serials Management, Acquisitions, Media Bookings, Web Online Public Access Catalog, Z39.50 Client and Server, and other modules. Only through EOS Web's web hosted solution can VISN12 be fully integrated in this web hosted environment. EOS Web hosts all seven libraries within VISN12 in one collective catalog, VISN12's Library OPAC system, providing continuous daily updates, initialzing serial claim reports and overdue reports.

EOSI is the exclusive holder of the EOSI web enterprise online catalog. Service is renewal and only available through EOS International web. Our library data is loaded into this data base and it would be a burden, time consuming with additional cost to move data from year to year to different vendors. It would not be cost effective and would have an adverse reaction.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable Due to EOSI proprietary control of this web enterprise, no equivalent database services to this specific information are available.
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: VISN 12 Subscription for FY 14 is \$ [REDACTED] which is 5.6% increase from FY2013 which was \$ [REDACTED]. FY 13 was a 12% increase from FY2012 \$ [REDACTED] but this was because all VA's had to add a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) module which provides encryption of data over the Internet to add additional security for the VA. Our annual increases are only between [REDACTED]. This is at the lower level of the industry standard. GSA contract pricing for web access library systems are priced by the package that is required by the Medical Center with standard markups of a service fee varying from [REDACTED] at the time of the order and up to [REDACTED] economic price adjustments during the contract year, as evidenced by the following term listed on the SWETS GSA contract GS02F0056R: "Catalog pricing is publisher list price. Contractor is authorized to charge a service fee, which may vary [REDACTED] at time of order. Contractor is also authorized to apply an economic price adjustment between [REDACTED] for orders placed in the latter part of the year for which publishers have not yet submitted prices for the following year, but deliverable, either partially or in full the following year, (e.g., an order placed in September, but deliverable starting in December of the same year and completed the following year). Contact contractor for exact purchase price(s) at govops@us.swets.com."
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: The Contract Specialist conducted a search in SEWP and SBA utilizing the key word "Electronic Online Systems." This resulted in zero findings. A search on GSA using the same key word resulted in one finding under contract number GS-35F-0594P. However, this subscription is open market.

Intent to Sole Source will be posted to FBO.
9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: Service has researched Voyager, NOSA, and Ex Libris, and have found that EOS Web is the best Web-based knowledge management solution designed to simplify operations and improve service to end-users. This is a renewal subscription, and there is no other integrated library system that can accomplish the same job within EOS Web design framework. EOS Web provides highly responsive client support, consistent upgrades, maintenance, and various other services provided by EOS Web that VISN12 can utilize. Not only is EOS Web the most simplified knowledge management solution, but makes available the most secure domain, a uniquely encrypted channel for private communications over the public Internet. The Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol provides this encryption of data over the Internet for EOS Web activity.
10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: None.
11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required: No action taken. Software subscriptions are proprietary to equipment.

12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

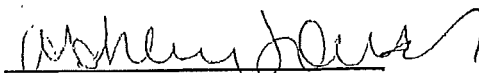

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13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

- a. Contracting Officer's Certification (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Name: Ashley Johnson
Title: Contracting Officer

10/23/13
Date

- b. NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Name: Christine Hansen
Network Contract Manager
NCO 12

10/28/13
Date